

With about 20,000 students, around 2,000 staff members - of which about 1,200 are scientists - the University of Siegen is an innovative and interdisciplinary-oriented university. With a broad range of subjects from humanities and social sciences to economic sciences to natural and engineering sciences, it offers an excellent teaching and research environment with a large number of inter- and transdisciplinary research projects. The University of Siegen offers diverse possibilities to reconcile career and family. Therefore, it has been certified as a family-friendly university since 2006 and offers a Dual Career Service.

The Institute of Social Sciences at the University of Siegen invites applications in the junior research group "Medicalization and psychologization of social problems: challenges and opportunities for social policy (MEPYSO)" funded by the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS) (subject to the final approval) for the position of

Research assistant (m/f)
(pay category 13 TV-L)

starting June 1st 2017 with 65% of the regular working time for a fixed term of three years.

The research project analyzes the role of medical and psychological explanations for poverty, unemployment, and child development in the academic, media and political discourse. Furthermore, it investigates the opportunities and risks of these explanations for social policy. You work in an interdisciplinary, dynamic team in a research project with high scientific potential and relevance for policy and practice. We offer excellent advising for doctoral research, opportunities for training and funding for presenting at national and international conferences.

The confirmation period is subject to the provisions of the Act on Temporary Employment in Higher Education.

Your tasks:

- You work in this research project on the investigation of the medicalization and psychologization of social problems in different public discourses.
- You conduct policy and discourse analyses.
- You coordinate the interdisciplinary, scientific advisory group.
- You prepare and cooperate regarding publications in journals and books.
- You support the administration and public relations of the project.

The position is intended to facilitate your academic qualification, specifically a German doctorate (PhD equivalent). You will have the opportunity within the framework of your tasks.

Your profile:

- A master's degree (or equivalent) in political science or another social science.
- You are interested in the topic of the research project.
- Very good knowledge in qualitative and/or quantitative empirical research methods, ideally with experience in respective analysis software (e.g., STATA, SPSS, R, MAXQDA, Atlas.ti, etc.).

- Experiences with policy or discourse analysis is an asset.
- Knowledge in social policy and/or sociology of health and illness are an asset.
- Very good English language skills (written and spoken).
- Ideally German language skills
- The ability to work independently
- Capacity for team work
- Organizing ability and excellent communicative skills

The University of Siegen strives to increase the proportion of women in research and teaching. Women with relevant qualifications are asked to apply for the position.

Severely disabled persons with relevant qualifications are asked to apply for the position.

Please submit your application (curriculum vitae, cover letter, copies of certificates etc.) with indication of the ad number **2017//Sozialwissenschaften/WM/58** by 30.03.2017 to Dr. Nadine Reibling, Seminar für Sozialwissenschaften, Universität Siegen, Adolf-Reichwein-Str. 2, 57068 Siegen.

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